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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The three-year lawsuit against Microsoft has been continuing for too long. I am amazed and appalled that the Government would attempt to bring litigation against its strongest asset in the tech sector. Microsoft creates jobs and wealth for our nation and does not deserve to be a victim of federal and state litigation.

The terms of the settlement do little to protect consumer rights. In fact, they just give Microsoft's competitors an edge that they could not attain through innovation. Of particular interest to me are the terms by which Microsoft has agreed to disclose interfaces that are internal to Windows operating system products. This is a first in an antitrust settlement and a violation of Microsoft's intellectual property rights.

Although flawed and unjustified, I urge your office to finalize the settlement because it is in the best interest of our economy and technology industry to end this dispute.

Sincerely,

Tyson Murray

